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Dear Mr. Traphagen,

At 80 and in impaired health I cannot really take time for extensive correspondence and your letter of the 19 can be taken as evidence that the time ~~it~~ I take to try and let people see that they have had their mind and their capability to think captured by the ~~the~~ attractive and exciting assassination conspiracy theories is sometimes entirely wasted.

You begin by telling me how moved you were by what I said on a TV show and then after I explained, to use what you quote "that ^(your) my thinking had been 'corrupted' by" these theories you deny that and say that rather these nutty and very corrupting theories are only "a common sense...method of investigation (to) explore all possibilities...."

BULLSHIT, YOU REFUSE TO THINK, MAN!

You ask me to respond to five questions that ~~as~~ you say are "intriguing" and come from ~~recent~~ developments."

Of these five you say are "recent" one ~~question~~, what Hoffman and Arnold said are not at all new and while I have some questions about some of them are not nutty. The ~~the~~ others are entirely the bullshit I was cautioning you again and you repeat ~~to~~ to me all over again, showing that what I wrote you made no difference at all.

Which is to say that I wasted my time.

You refer to complete fabrications in books of exploitation and commercialization as unquestioned truth when with all of these matters you should have been asking yourself questions. This means you want to accept them and believe them.

My books hold and come from no theories. If you want to know the fact about the JFK assassination to the degree we have learned it and that of what we have learned I have been able to publish it is available, it is in those books.

I am sorry I cannot take more time for such correspondence. You are, I assure you, deceiving yourself because your mind has been captured by those who invent these theories as a substitute for fact and for other purposes I ~~am~~ deplore.

All of my work will be a permanent free archive at Local Hood College.

Sincerely,

